Capsule Summary SM-211 Greenbriar (Tenant House/Summer Kitchen) Leonardtown Private

c. 1870's

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SM-211, Greenbriar (Tenant House/Summer Kitchen) St. Mary's County Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Data

<u>Historic Context</u> Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period:

Industrial-Urban Dominance, 1870-1930

Historic Period Theme:

Architecture

Resource Type Category:

Building

Historic Environment:

Rural

Historic Function and Use:

Dwelling, Kitchen?

Known Design Source:

None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF

Survey No. SM-211

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3. Clas	sification			
Category districtX_ building(s) structure site object	Ownership publicX_ private both Public Acquisition in process being considered x_not_applicable	Status occupied _X_ unoccupied work in progress AccessibleX_ yes: restricted yes: unrestricted no	Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park x private residence religious scientific transportation other:
4. Own	er of Prope	rty (give names a	nd mailing addresses	s of <u>all</u> owners)
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city, town Crof	Eton	state	and zip code Md	21114
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7. Description

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Contributing Resource Count: 1

The Greenbriar Tenant House is located on the north side of Greenbriar Road approximately 1 mile northwest from the intersection of Route 245 and Greenbriar Road. Oriented on a north/south axis, the building is situated on a north sloping parcel beside a series of tobacco barns. The kitchen was constructed about 30 yards northwest from the main farm dwelling.

The Greenbriar Tenant House, constructed in the 1870s, is a one-and-a-half story, one room, braced-frame building with a gable roof. The building is situated on a irregularly laid stone and wood post foundation and is sheathed with lapped clapboard fastened to the circular sawn frame with machine-cut nails. The cornice is enclosed and the roof is covered with corrugated metal.

The dwelling's south elevation is pierced by a six-over-six, double-hung sash window and a door. Several stones are neatly laid near the doorway and form a series of steps that lead from the road to the door.

The east elevation features a large, single-breasted, brick chimney with a stone foundation. The half story above features a single, slender shaped window that has been broken out.

The north elevation does not feature any openings, but the frame of this side, due to the incline, is supported by two feet high cedar posts. Two boards are fastened to the posts apparently to prevent larger animals from getting under the dwelling. The joists that support the first floor are half rounded logs that have been hewn on the top to receive the tongue-and-groove floor boards.

The west elevation is pierced by a six-over-six window on the first floor and a slender shaped window on the half-story above. The window sash are no longer extant.

The interior of the dwelling is entirely plastered with circular sawn lathe fastened to the frame with machine-cut lathing nails. Both of the rooms feature beaded baseboards. A modest, vertically machine sawn mantle consisting of two plain columns, a plain frieze, and a rectangular shelf is located on the east side of the room. It surrounds a bricked-up fireplace that later served as a flue for a stove. The southwest corner of the room features an enclosed winder stair sheathed with whitewashed vertical boards. The winder stair leads to the plastered half-story room that features a closet located in the northeast corner. The rafter pairs are joined together by ties that are half-lapped and nailed to the rafters. The rafter pairs are joined at the roof's peak with a simple lap joint and held fast with two machine cut nails.

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The building is currently vacant and a recent hole in the roof has exposed the interior of the building to deterioration.

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Da	ta	
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organization St. Mary's County Planning	and Zoning date April 1997	
street & number 22740 Washington Street	telephone 301-475-4662	
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023 514-7600 SM-211, Greenbriar (Tenant House/Summer Kitchen)

St. Mary's County 8.1 Significance

Chain-of-Title

(All deeds are located at the Land Records Office, St. Mary's County Courthouse, Leonardtown, Maryland unless otherwise noted.)

Reference: Liber MRB 256, Folio 35

Grantee: Lindsay Family Limited Partnership

Grantor: John L. Alvey Date: April 3, 1986

Notes: The property is listed as containing 263.37 acres.

Reference: Liber CBG 107, Folio 235

Grantee: John Lewis Alvey and Mary Jane Alvey

Grantor: Mary R. Fowler Date: May 20, 1963

Reference: Liber CBG 107, Folio 233

Grantee: Mary R. Fowler

Grantor: James Leach Alvey et al

Date: May 18, 1963

Notes: The property, called Greenbrier is listed as containing 266 acres.

Reference: Liber EBA 2, Folio 154 Grantee: William F. Greenwell

Grantor: Margaret E. Greenwell, Francis F. Greenwell, Aloysius F. and Mannie H. Fenwick

Date: July 16, 1901

Notes: The deed notes that Greenbrier is the "House farm" of William F. Greenwell.

Reference: Liber JJG 3, Folio 174

Grantee: Sarah M. Greenwell, widow, et al

Grantor: William F. Greenwell, deceased, died seized and possessed

Date: September 14, 1895

Reference: Liber JTB 4, Folio 298 Grantee: William F. Greenwell

Grantor: Dr. Andrew Jackson Spalding

Date: April 19, 1864

Notes: Spalding sells the land to Greenwell for \$10,000. Spalding is a brother-in-law to William

F. Greenwell.

Reference: Liber JTB 2, Folio 433

Grantee: Andrew Jackson Spalding and James C. and Mary A. Greenwell

Grantor: John M. Millard Date: June 25, 1857

Notes: The Greenwells sell their interest in the land to Spalding on April 23, 1860 (Liber JTB 3,

Folio 368).

SM-211, Greenbriar (Tenant House/Summer Kitchen) St. Mary's County 8.2 Significance

Reference: Liber JH 11, Folio 469-471

Grantee: John Michael Millard

Grantor: B. G. and Martha Harris, John and Mary Walton, and Thomas W. and Margaret Gough

Date: October 26, 1830

Notes: During a sheriff's sale of John Leigh's land, the following tracts of land were purchased by Millard: Part of America Felix Secundus, 63 acres, part of Clarke's Rest 61 acres, Chances Conclusion with amendment, 126 acres, part of Clarke's Rest, 20 acres, Aim at, 11 acres. All of these tracts totaled 281 acres and were together called "Greenbrier" and "The Monastary." Millard purchased the land for \$2500.

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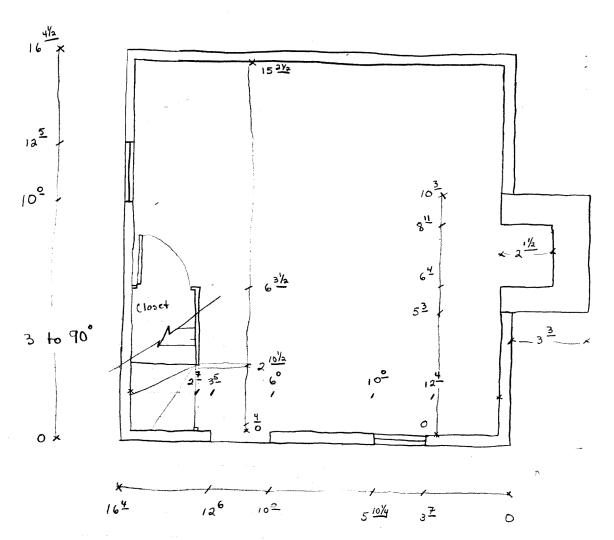
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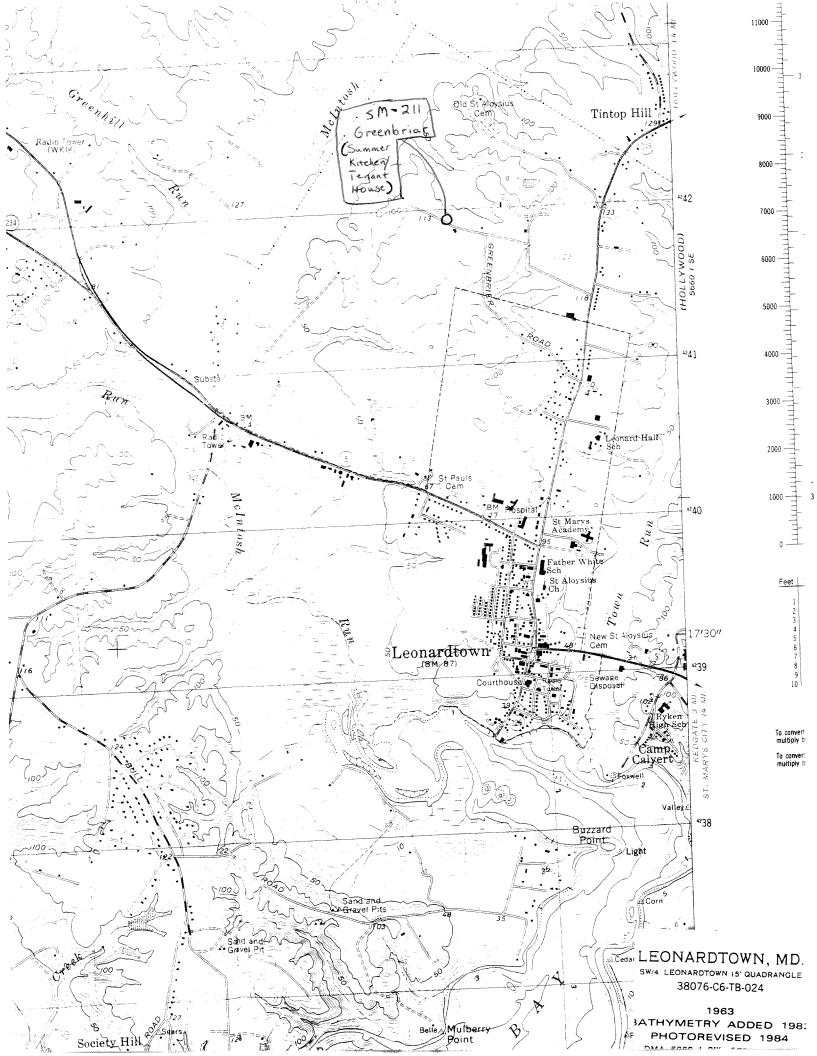
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